

## Interview Summary

Application No.  
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Applicant(s)  
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Examiner  
**Frank Vanaman**

Group Art Unit  
**3611**



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Feb 16, 2000

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-26

Identification of prior art discussed:

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The examiner indicated that claim 26, rewritten to include all the limitations of claim 25 (as noted in the previous office action) would serve to define over the art of record in the application. As regards the proposed changes to claim 1, these proposed changes would require further consideration and would not be entered after final rejection.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

**FRANK VANAMAN**  
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Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.

1. (Twice Amended) A skateboard that is ridden by a person standing upon it comprising: an elongated metal board; said metal board having a front end, a rear end, a top surface, a bottom surface, a left edge and a right edge; and a [hollow] keel located between said bottom surface and said top surface of said metal board and defined by a continuous, closed cavity forming member extending substantially the length of the board; said keel having a height H1 and a width W2 and W2 is greater than H1.
2. (Twice Amended) A skateboard as recited in claim 1 wherein said [hollow] keel has a substantially rectangular cross-sectional configuration.
3. (Twice Amended) A skateboard as recited in claim 1 further comprising a [hollow] left rail and a [hollow] right rail located between said bottom surface and said top surface adjacent said respective left and right edges and said hollow rails defined by respective continuous, closed cavity forming members extending substantially the length of said metal board.
4. (Recited) A skateboard as recited in claim 3 wherein said metal is aluminum.
5. (Recited) A skateboard as recited in claim 3 wherein said metal board has an arcuate shaped front end and an arcuate shaped rear end.
6. (Recited) A skateboard as recited in claim 5 wherein plastic end guards are secured to said front and rear ends of said metal board.
7. (Recited) A skateboard as recited in claim 1 wherein said top surface of said metal board has a concave transverse contour.
8. (Recited) A skateboard as recited in claim 1 wherein said metal board has a bent-up front tip portion and a bent-up rear tip portion.

9. (Recited) A skateboard as recited in claim 1 further comprising front and rear skateboard trucks secured to said bottom surface of said metal board.
23. (Twice Amended) A skateboard as recited in claim 1[1], wherein said board deflects less than 0.162 in. with a load of 200 lbs.
24. (Twice Amended) A skateboard as recited in claim 1[1], wherein said board deflects less than 0.203 in. with a load of 250 lbs.
26. (Once Amended) A method of manufacturing a skateboard, comprising:  
extruding an elongated aluminum metal board having a front end, a rear end, a top surface, a  
bottom surface, a left edge, a right edge, and one or more longitudinally elongated sections;  
shaping the metal board near said front end and rear ends into a predetermined shape; and  
heat treating the metal board to reduce stresses formed in the metal board.  
 [A method of manufacturing a skateboard as recited in claim 25, wherein the step of providing an elongated metal board includes extruding a metal board.]
27. (Once Amended) The method of claim [25]26, wherein shaping includes shaping the aluminum metal board near said front end and rear end at a predetermined angle.

#### CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above amendments, reconsideration and allowance of the application is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, he is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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